**“D-day”**

* **The official name was “Operation Overlord”**
* **The allies had been gaining information on France through reconnaissance for years**
* **The Germans knew and invasion in France was imminent but not where**
* **The allies used fake radio broadcasts, inflatable tanks set up in England all to throw off the Germans**
* **In the early hours of June 6th, 1944, 3 parachute divisions (2 US, 1 British) were dropped to captured bridges and disrupt the German defenses**
* **After a naval bombardment, 6 Infantry divisions assaulted the beaches in landing craft**

**(3 US Divisions, 2 British and 1 Canadian)**

* **The US forces landed on Utah and Omaha beaches, the British and Canadians on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches**
* **By July the allies had a strong foothold in France and could bring in lots of supplies**
* **There were approx. 9,000 Allied casualties (3,000 KIA, 6,000 WIA)**
* **The Germans were now being hit from 3 sides (USSR, Italy and France)**